



# A G E N D A

## OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

**June 1, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices  
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

### Call to Order

### Public Comment Session *[Limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.]*

*If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting our Clerk to Council, Katie Smith at [ksmith@oconeesc.com](mailto:ksmith@oconeesc.com) or 864-718-1023, so that she may receive your comment and read it into the record.*

### Council Member Comments

### Moment of Silence

### Invocation by County Council Chaplain

### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

### Approval of Minutes

- May 18, 2021 Regular Minutes

### Administrator Comments

### Attorney Comments

### OCCB Funding Approval Requests

#### **TAYCHOEDAH (pronounced tie-CO-ee-dah) PROPERTY – OCONEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BANK BOARD EASEMENT FUNDING**

OCCB unanimously approved on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 for Council to approve funding in the amount of \$17,999.00 for a conservation easement to Upstate Forever.

#### **WHETSTONE HILL PROPERTY – OCONEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BANK BOARD EASEMENT FUNDING**

OCCB unanimously approved on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 for Council to approve funding in the amount of \$11,499.00 for a conservation easement to Upstate Forever.

### Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

*If you would like to be heard during either of the public hearings, please contact Clerk to Council Katie Smith at [ksmith@oconeesc.com](mailto:ksmith@oconeesc.com) or 864-718-1023 so that she may coordinate your participation by telephone.*

**Ordinance 2021-11** “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 40 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO BE ENTITLED “CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION,” AND ENACTING ARTICLE V THERETO, CAPTIONED “PROTECTION

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OF HISTORICAL MEMORIALS.”

*Forwarded from the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee*

**Ordinance 2021-12** “AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN FORFEITED TO THE OFFICE OF THE OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS IN RELATION THERETO; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.”

*Forwarded from the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee*

**Ordinance 2021-01** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE CAPITAL VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.”

*General Government matter*

**Ordinance 2021-02** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY (the “School District”) AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.”

*General Government matter*

**Ordinance 2021-03** “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.”

*General Government matter*

### **Third Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2021-11** *[see caption above]*

**Ordinance 2021-12** *[see caption above]*

### **Second Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2021-01** “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE CAPITAL VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.”

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*General Government matter*

**First Reading of the Following Ordinances**

*[None Scheduled.]*

**First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions**

*[None Scheduled.]*

**Discussion Regarding Action Items**

**Console Furniture for the Oconee County 911 Center / Communications / 87,602.64**

**Budget:** \$200,000.00 / **Project Cost:** \$87,602.64 / **Balance:** \$112,397.36

This purchase is for console furniture in the Oconee County 911 Back-Up Center; located at 445 Oconee Business Parkway in Westminster, SC. A partnership with the School District of Oconee County is allowing a backup 911 center to be constructed at their campus. This backup center will be utilized in the event of primary 911 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) failure or natural disaster; which may render the law enforcement center uninhabitable. The backup center will also be utilized for telecommunicator training.

It is the staff’s recommendation that Council approve the purchase of console furniture for the 911 Center to Xybix Systems, Inc of Littleton, CO in the amount of \$87,602.64, as per HGAC Contract number ECO7-20.

**PRT Commission State and Local ATAX recommendations of \$288,500. The requests were unanimously approved and recommended by the PRT Commission on 05/20/2021.**

- PRT Commission and PRT staff recommends \$86,500 from Local ATAX funds for the Museum Docent Program-Year 5 (\$41,500), Disc Golf Sponsorship (\$5,000), Shoreline Stabilization at South Union (\$10,000), South Carolina Sports Alliance (\$5,000) and PRT Seasonal Staff supplement (\$25,000) for FY22.
- PRT Commission and PRT staff recommends a total of \$202,000 in ATAX funds for the FY22 Visit Oconee SC Budget. It is estimated that \$190,000 will come from State ATAX funds and \$12,000 from Local ATAX funds. Exact amounts from each account will be determined upon receipt of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter State ATAX check in August 2021.

Staff recommends approval of ATAX recommendations from the PRT Commission.

**RFP 20-02 Professional Engineering/Consultant On Call Services / All Departments / TBD**

There is no dollar amount associated with this approval at this time. All County departments with a budget for Professional Services may utilize this RFP as long as they do not exceed their budgeted amounts for these services.

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Any future professional services in any category that exceeds \$50,000 will be brought to Council for approval for that particular project.

RFP 20-02 was issued on January 7, 2021, and sent to 95 firms. Twenty-nine proposals were received, with some firms responding to multiple categories. An Evaluation Committee consisting of Kevin Robinson, Oconee County Assessor, Kyle Reid, Roads and Bridges, Lake Julian, Facilities Maintenance Director, Phil Shirley, PRT Director, Swain Still, Solid Waste Director, reviewed and scored the proposals for each separate category and recommended firms for the interview round and final award. Interviews were held on May 19, 2021 and the committee is recommending award for each category.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council [1] approve the award of RFP 20-02 for Professional Engineering Consultant On Call Services to the following firms for the listed categories:

AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Greenville, SC	Category A
TranSystems Corporation, Greenville, SC	Category B
Terracon Consultants, Inc., Greenville, SC	Categories C and D
Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., Greenville, SC	Category E
Davis & Floyd, Inc., SC	Category F
LS3P Associates, LTD., Greenville, SC	Category G

and [2] authorize the County Administrator to execute the original contracts after approval and renew these contracts yearly, up to five years total, as long as all work is deemed satisfactory.

**Two (2) Floating Dock Systems / PRT / \$131,299.40**

**\$13,129.94 (10% Contingency)**

**\$144,429.34 Total**

**Budget:** \$144,429.34 / **Project Cost:** \$144,429.34 / **Balance:** \$0.00

This bid was issued April 1, 2021 to purchase two (2) turn-key floating dock systems; one to be installed at South Cove County Park and one to be installed at High Falls County Park. The docks will replace aging courtesy docks at the boat ramps in each park. The awarded vendor is to provide a turn-key, new construction including full installation.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council [1] approve the award of bid ITB 20-07 to Custom Dock Systems of Anderson, SC in the amount of \$131,299.40, plus 10% contingency in the amount of 13,129.94, for a total award of \$144,429.34 and [2] authorize the County Administrator to execute documents for this project and sign any change orders within the contingency amount.

**Discuss and take appropriate action on a request from the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority to the County for \$1,500,000, to be placed in a restricted account and to serve as surety for the EDA grant relative to the Sewer South project**

**Council consideration and approval for funding allocation in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to the Town of Salem to complete the waterloop from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund**

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## Board & Commission Appointments

The Board & Commission seats listed below are co-terminus with Council District seats and will require [in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021] appointment and/or reappointment as follows:

### Building Codes Appeal Board

1 At-Large Seat: No questionnaire on file for this seat

## Executive Session

*[upon reconvening Council may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]*

*For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:*

*[1] Receive legal advice and discuss contractual matter regarding County broadband network.*

*[2] Discuss potential contractual matter regarding property acquisition for public safety and emergency services response.*

*[3] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Ruby Slipper.*

*[4] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Drift.*

## Second Reading of the Following Ordinances [cont'd]

**Ordinance 2021-13** “AN ORDINANCE (1) APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF ONETONE TELECOM, INC.’S INTEREST IN THAT CERTAIN NETWORK MASTER AGREEMENT, DATED JANUARY 18, 2017, TO UPCOUNTRY FIBER, LLC, A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.; (2) APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED NETWORK MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN UPCOUNTRY FIBER, LLC AND OCONEE COUNTY; (3) AUTHORIZING THE OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED AND RESTATED NETWORK MASTER AGREEMENT; AND (4) OTHER RELATED MATTERS.”

## Adjourn

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